

**Church at Home Pack – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**Join us online for our 10:30am service on Sunday**  
<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

**In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.**

*Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives*

**When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.**

*Acts 4:13*

## **GATHER TOGETHER**

### ***A prayer to start –***

As the Christian family:

**we are called to love God.**

As the Christian family:

**we are called to love others.**

As the Christian family:

**we are called to share the Good News of Jesus.**

Help us live lives that show we belong to Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Action reminder –**

From the top of my head

*(Touch head)*

to the tips of my toes;

*(Touch toes)*

from the lobes of my ears

*(Touch ear lobes)*

to the end of my nose;

*(Touch nose)*

from my back, to my front

*(Turn round)*

to my wiggly fingers,

*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*

God loves me!

*(jump up and down)*

## READ TOGETHER

**Acts 11: 19-26**



### International Children's Bible (ICB)

<sup>19</sup> Many of the believers were scattered by the terrible things that happened after Stephen was killed. Some of them went to places as far away as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch. They were telling the message to others, but only to Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of these believers were men from Cyprus and Cyrene. When they came to Antioch, they spoke also to Greeks,<sup>1</sup> telling them the Good News about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord was helping the believers. And a large group of people believed and turned to the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> The church in Jerusalem heard about all of this, so they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23-24</sup> Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and full of faith. When he reached Antioch and saw how God had blessed the people, he was glad. He encouraged all the believers in Antioch. He told them, "Never lose your faith. Always obey the Lord with all your hearts." Many people became followers of the Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to the city of Tarsus to look for Saul. <sup>26</sup> When he found Saul, he brought him to Antioch. And for a whole year Saul and Barnabas met with the church. They taught many people there. In Antioch the followers were called Christians for the first time.

### New International Version (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

## WATCH TOGETHER



***The Church of Antioch (Acts 11: 19-30)*** – Saddleback Kids

<https://youtu.be/RxIABELXLa4>



***What is a Christian?*** – Douglas Talks <https://youtu.be/DnEKhl-saAc>

## TALK TOGETHER

- Could I see God at work in my family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues, even if that doesn't feel very likely?
- Are there some people we think that God just cannot get through to?
- Are there some people we think God shouldn't save?

## STUDY TOGETHER

- What happened as a result of the believers being persecuted in Jerusalem (*see v.19-21*)?
- Saul/Paul is a more prominent character in the New Testament but who helped him start his ministry after he began to follow Jesus (*see Acts 9:26-28; 11:22-26*)?  
What does this tell us about the person who helped Saul?
- The followers of Jesus were first called 'Christians' at Antioch. It's likely that this name was given to them by other people. It's only used in two other places in the New Testament (Acts 26:28 and 1 Peter 4:16). Jesus' followers tended to use other names or phrases to describe themselves. Can you think of any and what do these names tell us about how they viewed themselves?  
Look at these references if you get stuck: *Acts 2:44; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Corinthians 15:15; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 4:21; Titus 1:4; 1 Peter 1:1; Jude 1:1*  
Which name means the most to you and why?
- By the time Peter wrote his first letter followers of Jesus were obviously happy to use the name 'Christian'. Why is it a good name for those who follow Jesus?
- If we call ourselves Christian, what should our lives look like?

## MAKE TOGETHER

### ***Pray for 5***

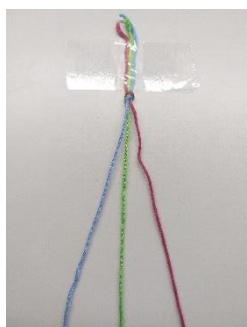
The 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative encourages us to pray each day for 5 people (family or friends) who don't yet know Jesus, to come to know him. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/about-us>

**Here are some things that you can make to help you to pray:**

### ***'Pray for 5' Bands***

Use whatever you have available to make a band to wear on your wrist or keep in your pocket.

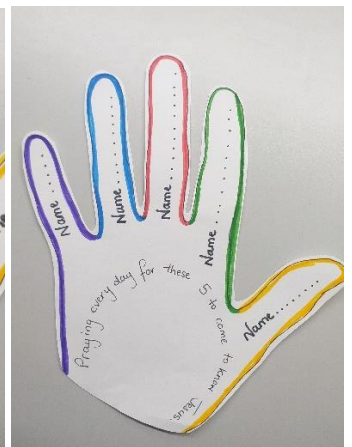
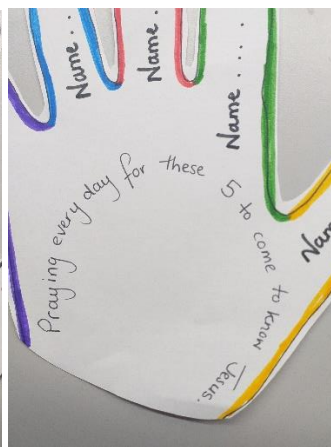
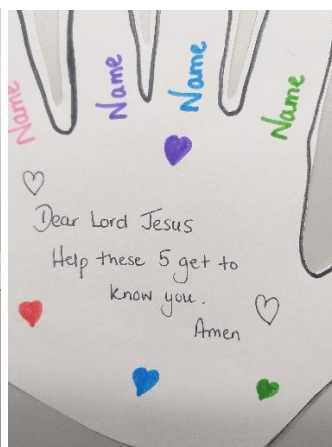
The 5 people can be marked by simple knots, buttons or beads. See the photographs for some ideas.





### 'Pray for 5' Hands

Draw around your hand and write the name of one person along each finger and the thumb. Decorate the rest of the hand however you like. You might like to make each finger look like the person you are praying for! You could write a prayer to say on the hand too.

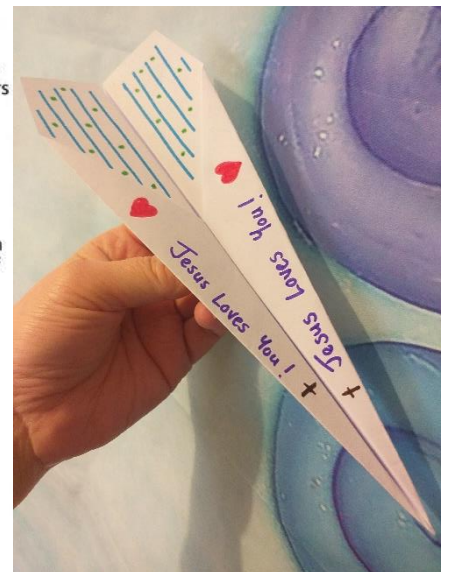
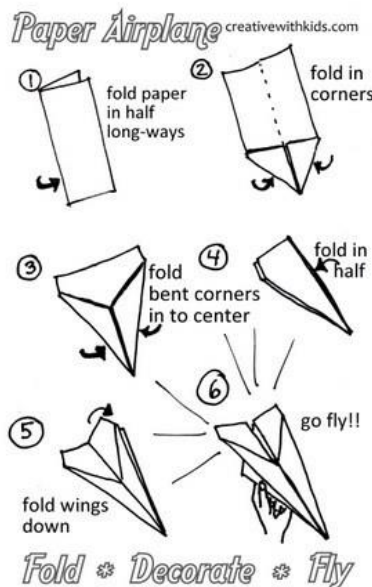


### PLAY TOGETHER

#### Good News Planes

In our Bible reading we hear that the Good News of Jesus was travelling further and further.

Make some paper planes and decorate with Good News messages and then see who can get their message the furthest! (There are lots of ways to fold a paper plane. Here is one that flies really well but you can find loads on the internet)



## SING TOGETHER

*Follow me* – KidSpring Children’s Ministry: <https://youtu.be/iyHla0hmPfg>

*Speak up* – Lifeway Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esUsHmkRIiA>

*Vagabonds* – Stuart Townend: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s27D7M8biuI>

*I am a Christian* – NewSong: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BgMOhcBiOU>

## REFLECT TOGETHER

### *Do we put boundaries around God?*

Think about people or situations that you may have doubted that God could reach.

As you think about this, write names or draw pictures of those people or situations. Draw a boundary around each one. Ask God to break through that boundary.

You could draw your boundary in pencil or chalk and rub it out. Or you could build a physical boundary from Lego, blocks or cushions and break through it as you ask God to break into those lives and situations.



## PRAY TOGETHER



### *Pray for 5*

If you made a Band or a Hand in the **Make Together** section, you might like to use this prayer for each person named:

*Lord, I pray that you will lead **(name)** to you.*

*Thank you that you love them.*

*I pray that you would break into their life and show them your love, grace and peace, for Your glory.*

**Amen.**

### *A personal prayer*

Sometimes I’m not sure I am worthy to be called a Christian.

Sometimes I’m not sure I understand all it means.

Sometimes I’m not sure I know myself.

Sometimes I’m confused over what is truth and what is not, it’s hard to know.

Help me, Lord, to live my life according to your will.

**Amen.**

## DO TOGETHER



As you get up in the morning or as you leave the house say out loud **“I am a Christian. I belong to Christ.”** to remind yourself that you want your life to reflect Jesus Christ in all that you do, think and say.

You might like to write it down and stick it up near your bed or on the back of your front door as a reminder.

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